

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 9, 18 and 19 remain pending in the present application. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1, 8-9 and 17-19 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,345 B2 in view of Miyo (USP 4,656,630). Enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer which Applicants believe is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyo (U.S. Pat. No. 4,656,630). Claim 17 has been cancelled and Claim 18, which depended from Claim 17, has been amended to independent form to include the limitations of Claim 17. Since Claim 18 was only rejected under the double-patenting rejection noted above, Applicants believe Claim 18 is now allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is

believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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